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1. Moscow Patriarch to send delegation to Turkey--US Embassy Ankara has been reliably informed that the Orthodox Patriarch in Moscow is sending a delegation to Istanbul to congratulate the new Orthodox Patriarch of that city on his election. The Turkish patriarchate is reported to be "very disturbed" but to feel unable to rebuff this "courtesy."
2. UK views on handling Greek issue in UN--The State Department has learned from the British Embassy that the UK opposes the Van Kleffens proposal that the Security Council transmit to Greece and its neighbors its "earnest hopes" that they act to stop the border incidents. The British feel that such a move would imply that the SC thinks Greece might have been at fault. The British also oppose, though less strongly, the proposal (advanced by Parodi and favored by the US), that a fact-finding committee be set up without authority to make recommendations.
3. British agree to follow "Bermuda" air principles--US Embassy London reports that the British will now try at the "earliest opportunity" to bring the UK-Argentine air agreement into line with Bermuda principles (see Daily Summary of 20 August, item 2), and to effect a similar "review" of impending bilateral air agreements with Scandinavian countries and Belgium.

EUROPE

4. GREECE: USMA sees civil war remote--According to US Ambassador MacVeagh, US Military Attache Athens is "skeptical" of reported large Slavic troop concentrations on the Greek border (see Daily Summary of 11 September, item 3), but considers a "Soviet-sponsored thrust across the northern frontier" to be "a possibility." The US Military Attache comments that the possibility of civil war in Greece "remains remote." His "best guess" is that the deterioration of the internal situation is "part of the war of nerves."
5. AUSTRIA: Renewed Soviet pressure on Figl Government--US Charge Denby reports that Chancellor Figl in "another stormy session" has been bitterly criticized by Soviet General Zheltov for obstructing the

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transfer of German property to Soviet authorities. Figl refused to agree to Zheltov's demand that Austria declare that all German property in Soviet Zone Austria belongs to the USSR. Figl concluded from this conversation that the USSR is determined to force the resignation of the present Austrian Government.

Figl to request harvest from Soviet-held estates--US Charge Denby reports that Chancellor Figl has not received from Soviet-held estates any of the produce he requested in accordance with an UNRRA agreement, and at the suggestion of General Clark. Figl now is renewing his request so that if satisfaction is not forthcoming, the question can be raised in the ACC meeting of 27 September which will be under US chairmanship.

People's Party unit favors deal with USSR--USFA Vienna reports indications that the right wing of the People's Party feels it still might not be too late to make a "deal" with the Soviets. Chancellor Figl reportedly is aware of this but is confident that he has the support of a majority of the industrialists.

6. GERMANY: French agree to tripartite Rhine control--The French Embassy has informed the State Department that the French Government now approves the formation of a combined German traffic administration for the Rhine under tripartite control, provided that the questions of security and decartelization are reviewed informally by US, UK and French representatives. Instructions have been issued which would permit the Rhine fleet in the French zone to be pooled with those in the US and UK zones.

7. ITALY: "Serious" civil disorders in Venice area--According to US Political Advisor Byington, General Harding is seriously concerned over current civil disorders in the vicinity of Venice. AFHQ has asked the Allied Commission to urge the Italian Government to increase its police forces in the Venice area. Harding reports that the Soviet Consulate and a Soviet "film delegation" in Venice are known to be in frequent contact with Communist elements.

Byington comments that he does not see any grounds on which the US could request Italy to order withdrawal of the Soviet mission unless "misconduct is proved" or the USSR expels a US or UK mission from Eastern Europe.

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NEAR EAST - AFRICA

8. **NORTH AFRICA: Air demonstration recommended at Tangier**--US Diplomatic Agent Alling in Tangier recommends that planes from the ROOSEVELT give an air demonstration during the carrier's visit there. The Consul General feels that the situation in Tangier is "entirely different" from that in Algiers and Casablanca (see Daily Summary of 12 September, item 10).

Tension eases in Tangier and Algiers--Despite recent native demonstrations in the International Zone, Alling expects no immediate trouble. He suspects the disorders "were not unwelcome to the French" who hoped to justify intervention. US Consul General Algiers reports that tension in Algeria (see Daily Summary of 13 September, item 12) has "largely abated."

FAR EAST

9. **INDIA: Moslem League may join Government**--US Commissioner Merrell reports that during a dinner conversation, Mrs. Nehru volunteered the opinion that the Moslem League will enter the Government although Jinnah himself may not accept a portfolio.
10. **JAPAN: Formosans active in black market**--Atcheson charges that Formosans in Japan, numbering approximately 20,000, have joined with Koreans in dominating black market activities. Atcheson notes that the Chinese Mission in Japan recently gave diplomatic protection to Formosans arrested in a raid on the black market, and that the Chinese Government's grant of citizenship has apparently encouraged Formosans to defy the Japanese police.
11. **CHINA: Use of US crews to fly Nationalist supplies**--Ambassador Stuart has informally pointed out to the Chinese Acting Foreign Minister the undesirability of using American pilots on CNAC planes for the transport of supplies to Nationalist troops (see Daily Summary of 9 September, item 13). The latter has indicated that he will discuss the situation with all parties concerned.

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